

Medford Lodge No. 178 F. & A. M.

- Trestleboard -

November, AD 2021 / AL 6021

**Grand Master of Masons of New Jersey
M.W. Robert V. Monacelli**



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**Congratulations to our new Fellowcrafts, ‘
Brother Hunter VanSciver and Brother Bharat Mehta**

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Message from the East



Greetings Brethren,

With our long awaited Master Mason degree about to take place, I felt compelled to write about its' central powerful symbol, the small sprig of Acacia. Though much smaller in size than the giant 18 cubits high pillars we examined in the Fellowcraft degree last month, the Acacia, the symbol of immortality is the most powerful Masonic symbol of all.

Long before the Masons adopted it as a symbol of immortality, the evergreen Acacia was used in the construction of the Ark of the Covenant, temples, and thrones for its' powerful associations with everlasting life. Albert Mackey further points out that the sprig of Acacia symbolizes not just immortality, but initiation and innocence. Prior to initiation as a Master Mason, the candidate as a Fellowcraft is still innocent of the “deeper and more abiding”

lessons to be given in this degree.

He is told that it is a lesson “which human wisdom alone cannot suffice to teach.” He is also advised of the “power and the triumph of an unfaltering faith in God.”, which I think leads to the most central and important lesson of the third degree, Faith. As Carl Claudy writes, “The sprig of Acacia is not only the emblem of a future life but of faith.”. Without faith, the sprig holds no power.

Claudy also writes, “We cannot reason ourselves into or out of faith.”. I am not so sure. I forget, and cannot find the original quote but it was I think, Brother C.K. Chesterton, or maybe C.S. Lewis who wrote, “There is no plan without a planner.” In the Fellowcraft degree the candidate was instructed in the “mysteries of moral and physical science” and to enjoy “a contemplation of his wondrous works.” The complexities of the design of the Universe are way beyond the space we have here, but the lessons of the three degrees all emphasize the wonder of the planned creation from the original planner, the Great Architect. This leads us back to our original humble, tiny sprig of Acacia. Its' great promise and power come not from within it, but from the reasoned and unfaltering faith within us.

Fraternally,

F. Lawrence Vernamonti WM

“The English never draw a line without blurring it.” Brother Winston Churchill

“What is history but the story of how politicians have squandered the blood and treasure of the human race.” Thomas Sowell.

Calendar of Events



Dates to Remember — November 2021

Day	Date	Time	Event	Location
Tuesday	2nd	6:15	DLI, Masters, Sr. Wardens & Qualification Team only	
Monday	8th	6:30	Master Mason Rehearsal	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St Medford NJ 08055
Monday	15th	7:30	Regular Communication. Dinner at 6:30, Lodge opens 7:30 Dress - Officers, Formal, Brothers, Business	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St. Medford NJ 08055
Saturday	20th	6:30	Master Mason Rehearsal	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St. Medford NJ 08055
Monday	22	6:00	Master Mason Degree Dinner at 6pm, Lodge opens at 7pm Officers formal, Brethren business	Medford Lodge #178 25 Bank St. Medford NJ 08055

Grand Lodge Membership Management Database



GRAND VIEW is the new Grand Lodge Online Membership Management Database.

All Members are asked to register and update your personal information.

Contact your Lodge Secretary if you have any questions or need assistance.

- Go to the portal URL <https://nj.grandview.systems>
- Click on "Member Portal" in the upper right corner to get the login screen. If you have never registered you can just click on "Member Registration" in the login screen.
- Here is a Direct link to register and verify your contact information. https://nj.grandview.systems/membership_registration

Once on this page you will be asked to put in your lodge number, member ID, and last name as it appears on your dues card.

This will verify your membership and allow you to set up an account.

On the membership registration page there is a short video showing you how to register or you can click the link below.

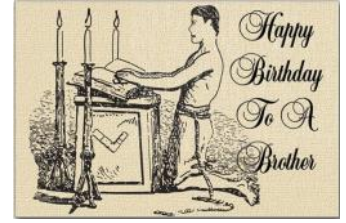
<https://youtu.be/Hx-WiifcM>

If you haven't registered and checked your information next, please do so at your earliest opportunity.

Medford Lodge No. 178



November Masonic Birthdays



Brother	Yrs	Brother	Yrs	Brother	Yrs
Thomas M Arnot	15	Gary C Gubbei	4	George R Saponaro	11
Steven V Busalacchi	11	Gary E Haman	11	Frederick L Schmidt PM	44
Dennis J Coloski PM	30	John T Kubit PM	30	Robert G Sobeck	67
Franco Coppola	12	Matthew O Morgan	15	Harry M Srolovitz	15
Peter R DeStefano	2	C Paul Perkins	64	Steven E Towell	2
Matthew S DiPaula	4	Jeremiah H Phillips PJGD, PM	12	Xavier S Walter	12
Joseph Galiazzi	31	Michael P Puma	15	Michael J Yurcho	12

Making Good Men Better

In waiting for Master Mason Degree	Brother Michael Chadwick
	Brother Michael Bratelli
	Brother Bharat Mehta
	Brother Hunter VanSciver
In Waiting for Master Mason Exam	Brother Daniel Espenshied
	Brother Matthew Schneider
	Brother Paul D. Pierce Sr.

Notes from the Worshipful Master

Our glorious Fall season is flying by! At our October Communication Brother Mike Angermeier gave a great talk on NJ firearms law. A subject much more complex than one would like to think. We again hosted a successful blood drive thanks to WB Rick Young and Bro. Kip Duffy. On the 25th we enjoyed a well performed Fellowcraft degree passing Bro. Barry Mehta and Bro. Hunter VanSciver. Special mention to Brothers John Quintana, Kip Duffy and George Massey, who all did great solo ritual work. Most special mention to Senior Deacon Hugh Christine for an excellent Middle Chamber lecture and performance. I also wish to thank Brothers Anthony Canistraci, George Massey and Kip Duffy for filling in as Stewards.

Due to the Grand Lodge annual meeting in Atlantic City being on November 8th, our next regular communication will move to November 15th, complimentary dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30. Rehearsal for our upcoming Master Mason degree will be on the 8th, pizza at 6, rehearsal at 6:30. Please note the change of dates.

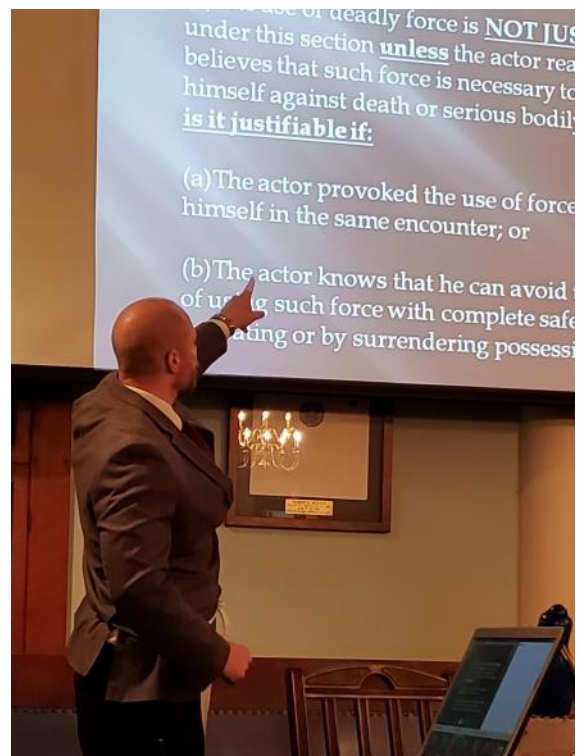
I'm very happy to announce that we have the NJ Kilties coming to our Lodge to perform the second half of our Master Mason degree. Their performance is most impressive and you don't want to miss it. Please make sure to attend the degree on November 22nd, complimentary dinner at 6, degree starts at 7.

If you would like to become more involved in the Lodge, there are openings on most of the committees listed here in this Trestleboard. Please consider joining one by reaching out to the committee chairman or myself. There is also always the possibility of Officer positions as they become available.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns. Remember, keep clam, stay sane, stay healthy and carry on.

Fraternally,
Larry V.

Brother Angermeier giving his excellent presentation on NJ gun laws.



Officers & Committees



2021 Medford Lodge Officers

<p>Worshipful Master F Lawrence Vernamonti</p> <p>Senior Warden John A Quintana</p> <p>Junior Warden Rigil Abellanos</p> <p>Treasurer WB Daniel O'Brien Email: Treasurer.Medford178@gmail.com</p> <p>Secretary WB David Carvin, Sr. (609) 261-2411 25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055 Email: David.CarvinSr@gmail.com</p>	<p>Senior / Junior Deacon Hugh Christine Rudy Hatala</p> <p>Senior / Junior Master of Ceremonies Joseph "Kip" Duffy Harry Mayer</p> <p>Senior / Junior Steward Jay Keesler Stephen Towell</p> <p>Chaplain Thomas Beamer</p> <p>Marshal Joshua Diamond</p> <p>Tyler J. Gary Hicks, PM</p> <p>Historian WB J Edward Hunt, PM</p> <p>Proxy to Grand Lodge Hugh Christine</p>
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Committees

<p>Lodge Trustees Harry Srolovitz (1) Joseph F. Alter (2) RW Jeremiah Phillips (3)</p> <p>Temple Trustees WB George Wigginton, PM (1) WB John Ellor, PM (2) WB Frederick C. Young Jr., PM (3)</p> <p>Sickness & Distress RW Howard I Black, 2nd WM Larry Vernamonti Rudy Hatala</p>	<p>Audit Committee WB Daniel Nemcek William "Bill" Crozier</p> <p>Ritual Committee WB David Carvin, PM WB Daniel E O'Brien RW Jeremiah Phillips</p> <p>Relief Committee WM F L Vernamonti</p>	<p>By-Laws WB David Carvin, PM WB George Wigginton</p> <p>Hospitality Committee John Quintana RW Jeremiah Phillips Franco Coppola Stewards</p> <p>Educator & 1st Responder Scholarship Kip Duffy</p>
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Grand Lodge & District Info

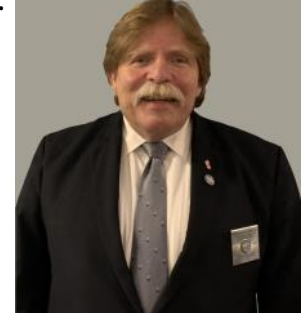
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Lodges of the 19th District

Beverly Riverside #107

Meets 3rd Thursday
621 Chester Avenue, Riverside, NJ 08075

Burlington #32

Meets 2nd Tuesday
2308 Mt Holly Rd, Burlington, NJ 08016

Central #44

Meets 3rd Wednesday
23 Plum Street, Southampton, NJ 08088

Maple Shade Moorestown #281

Meets 3rd Tuesday
15 North Fellowship Road, Maple Shade, NJ 08052

Medford Lodge #178

Meets 2nd Monday
25 Bank Street, Medford, NJ 08055

Mount Holly #14

Meets 3rd Monday
15 Garden Street, Mount Holly, NJ 08060

Mount Moriah #28

Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday's
121 Farnsworth Avenue, Bordentown, NJ 08505

Past Masters



In Honor of our Living Past Masters

Richard S. Dellmyer	1966 (+)	Peter M. DeStefano	2004
Calvin Walters	1974	William J. Ward, Jr.	2005 (A)
Robert S. Middleton, PGC	1977, 79	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Richard A. Godin	1980	A. John Ellor	2006 (D)
Ralph H. Berringer	1980 (D)	Conrad Dombkiewicz	2008
J. Edward Hunt	1981	Joseph W. Keresztury Jr.	1976, 2009 (D)
John F. Hall, PGC, PDGI	1982 (D)	David M. Carvin	2010, 14
Wayne Hartman	1983 (D)	Roy A. Winter, PDRI	2010, 14 (A)
Alfred D. "Gov" Gilmour	1985	Joseph A. Knecht	2014 (D)
Frederick L. Schmidt	1986	Mark K. Crosby	2011 (DMT)
Howard I. Black 3 rd , PGMar	1987	Edwin A. Michaloski	2012
David B. Stoneback	1989	Daniel L. Nemcek	2013
Richard B. Lechner	1990	Russell A. Bauer, PGC	2015
Owen D. Brennan, PGSB	1990 (+)	Robert Shestack	2016 (D)
Howard I. Black 2 nd , PJGS	1991	Jeremiah H. Phillips, PJGD	2016
William B. Watson	1995	Jonathan Murray	2017
Dennis J. Coloski	1996	Daniel O'Brien	2018
Charles F. Markelwith	1996 (D)	Frederick C. Young Jr.	2019
Allan D. Kline	1997	F Lawrence Vernamonti	2020, 21
John T. Kubit	1998		
Richard D. Dolbec	1999 (EXP)		
Borys I. Umyn	2000		
George J. Wigginton Jr	2001		
Stephen C. Sweeney	2002		
RW Ray Taylor PGC	2003 (D)		

(+) = Affiliated

(DMT) = Demitted

(D) = Dual

(S) = Suspended

(EXP) = Expelled

In Memoriam — 2021

DB Robert D Hanold Sr. January 12th, 2021

Robert C Narozanick Sr February 19th 2021

James E Roughgarden May 31st, 2020

Ron Gervasoni PM February 22nd 2021

Tom Kosdemba February 12th, 2021

John Moran April 23rd 2021





In Memoriam Our Deceased Past Masters



Frank A. Braddock	1903	Dean W. Cramer (+)	1958
Samuel A. Garwood	1904	Gordon L. Beeler	1959
William D. Cowperthwaite	1904,40	Herbert M. Hays	1960
J. Maurice Garwood	1905,06	George D. Richer Jr.	1961
Harry Brick	1907,37-38	Fred A Sharkey III	1965
Alfred E. Darnell	1909, 10	David C. Morton	1966
Carlton J. Garwood	1911	Richard S. Dellmyer (+)	1966
Charles J. Hollingshead	1912	George W. Beisley	1967,68
Wilber F. Branin	1913	William L. Springman	1969
C. Edgar Haines	1914	Arnold Earle (+)	1969
Albert F. Kirby	1915	Benjamin J. Amadio	1970
Isaac E. Ballinger	1916	Thomas J. Fitzgerald (+)	1970
E.P. Warner	1917	Oscar Cahall	1971
S. Thakara Haines	1918	Carl P. Rehor	1972
Fred W. Branin	1919	William H. Moffet (+)	1972
Charles H. Griscom	1920	John D. Cooper	1973
Henry S. Lippincott	1921	Richard B. Snively (+)	1974
Eckard J. Ballinger	1922	Ernest L. Seth	1975
Clinton H. Cowperthwaite PSGS	1924,47	Frederick Beals III (DMT)	1976
Charles F. Clymer	1925	Frederick D. Domako (D)	1977
George M. Hiles	1926	C. William Comellson	1978
Francis Mickle	1927	Wilhelm Launhardt	1980
William C. Griscom	1928,39	Paul D. Gerlanger PDDGM (+)	1981
Lawrence G. Mingin	1929	Russell C.S. Williams	1982
Garfield Alloway	1930	Orrin Dillabough (D)	1982
Harvey Hiles	1931	Joseph W. Siatkowski	1983
Karl J. Bingemann	1932	V. James Minerva	1984
Charles H. Leeds	1933	Edwin E. Wood III PGM	1988
Ralph E. Curry	1934	Frederick H. Tillwick	1992
Fred R. Boyd	1935	Ronald L. Hodge	1993
Robert N. Henderson	1936	Ronald Gervasoni (S)	1994
Edwin M. Johnson	1941,44	William E. Stockum	2003
George W. Otto (+)	1941	Robert E. Seufert (+)	2003
George Korradi (+)	1942	Jerry S. Albrecht	2005
Harry T. McNeill	1945,46	Thomas Wright II PJGD	2007
Edwin Holzschuher	1948		
Joseph E. Bealer Jr	1949		
E. Lester Small	1950,51		
Harold S. Farrow	1952		
Charles N. Parker	1953		
Norman R. DeLong	1954		
Henry Emenecker Sr. PGC	1955,64		
A. Robert Merrion	1956		
Jerald Carey	1957,63		
Harold E. Easlick PGC	1958,62		
Kenneth G. Rexon (D)	1958,80		

The Morris Tartan

The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey
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Robert Burns Dinner Dance



Saturday, January 22nd, 2022
\$75pp, 4 Hour Open Bar, 6:30 - 10:30 pm

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and

The Grand Master of Masons for New Jersey

for our annual

ROBERT BURNS NIGHT DINNER DANCE

PLACE: The Hanover Manor, 16 Eagle Rock Avenue, East Hanover, NJ

TIME: Saturday, January 22nd, 2022, at 6:30 PM to 11:30 PM

ACTIVITIES:

Open Bar, Hors D'Oeuvres, Dancing to Outstanding Music by "The Late Show", the Usual Festive Toasts and Responses, Address to the Haggis and an Outstanding Meal with a choice of Top Sirloin of Beef (TSB), Chicken Français (CF), or Broiled Salmon (BS). Great Fellowship!

DRESS CODE:

The suggested attire for the evening is Highland Dress, Tuxedo or dark suit for the gentlemen; and formal or semi-formal dress for the ladies. As always it is hoped that you will wear something Tartan (a tie, a sash, a ribbon, or whatever tickles your fancy).

COST:

\$75.00 per person. Please make your check payable to "The Masonic Kilties of New Jersey" Reservations are required for all who attend. We request that reservation forms with checks be returned by Friday, December 31st, 2022. This will help alleviate wait times at the check in table! Don't delay and miss the fun!

PLEASE NOTE! AD BOOK CONTRACT & PAYMENTS GO TO JAMES MATEAR 4 RIVERSIDE GDNS, HACKETTSTOWN, NJ 07840

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION)

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

(Please make a dinner selection for each name on the list below)

- 1 _____ TSB CF BS 6 _____ TSB CF BS
2 _____ TSB CF BS 7 _____ TSB CF BS
3 _____ TSB CF BS 8 _____ TSB CF BS
4 _____ TSB CF BS 9 _____ TSB CF BS
5 _____ TSB CF BS 10 _____ TSB CF BS

Number of Reservations _____ x \$ 75 = \$ _____ (total amount of the check)

Arrangements can be made for tables of 8 to 11. Indicate special seating you require with your reservation.

Please Mail reservations and payment to Cressida Associates, 163 Terrace St., Haworth, NJ 07641, c/o Masonic Kilties of New Jersey

RSVP by Friday, December 31st, 2022.

(For questions mail to: ghodges@apparelsoftware.com or call RW George Hodges at 201-925-7974)

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